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Project Update



State Road 25 Hoosier Heartland
Lafayette to Logansport
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What is Project Facilitation?

Project Facilitation is a proactive public involvement approach to engaging the public in INDOT's major projects. It is the responsibility of project facilitators to inform the public of developments to these projects through individual or group meetings, correspondence, public presentations, websites, and project newsletters.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Public Information Meetings were recently held for the design phase of the State Road 25 Hoosier Heartland Project. A series of three consecutive meetings in Lafayette, Delphi and Walton were facilitated September 25-27. Concerned citizens from the region attended the meetings where the four project design consultants made presentations of the progress for their assigned segment. During the meeting open houses, representatives from all four design firms were available to answer specific individual questions. Real Estate professionals from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) were also in attendance to answer right-of-way questions.

Construction will generally take place west to east with approximately ten road contracts and thirty bridge contracts. INDOT is currently identifying areas that could be accelerated to construction starting in the near future. These possible areas would have limited right-of-way impacts, minimal permitting requirements, and little utility relocation. The right-of-way process will begin early next year, and a more detailed construction schedule is being coordinated at this time. Please visit the project website at <http://www.in.gov/indot/div/projects/sr25study> for further information about this project or to view the presentation from these meetings.



Project Website

www.in.gov/dot/projects/sr25study

Questions and Answers

Q: How is right-of-way acquired by INDOT?

A: Log on to

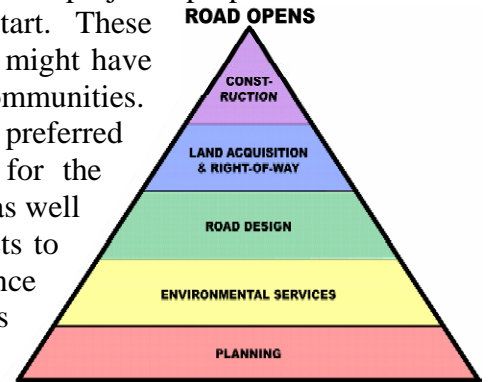
www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/realprop/index.html

Q: What happens if my house or business must be removed from the new right-of-way?

A: Log on to

www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/rights/index.html

The first phase of a project begins with careful **planning**. This includes assessing the need for improvement. Once a project's purpose and need are established the **environmental studies** start. These studies evaluate what effects the project might have on the environment and surrounding communities. The studies lead to the selection of a preferred alternative, meaning the best location for the project that meets the purpose and need, as well as avoids and minimizes potential impacts to the environment and communities. Once environmental documentation is completed and approved the project moves to the **design phase**. During this phase, detailed engineering work is completed giving INDOT a clear picture of exactly where the roadway will be located. Next is **land acquisition** which includes the purchasing of necessary property and the clearing of right-of-way. Once land acquisition is complete, **construction** of the roadway will begin followed by the opening of the roadway to motorists.



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